



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
Application of: **Tanner, et al.**

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For: **SURGICAL GUIDE ASSEMBLY AND SEPARATOR FOR USE DURING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 3, 2004, and within two months thereof, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicant's Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.